



RE: Fw: West Lake Superfund Site - re; Landfill odor--- Copy of QAPP as requested

Cecilia Tapia to: esmith

11/07/2012 01:20 PM

Cc: Audrey Asher, Dan Gravatt, Debbie Kring

Yes, of course.

Thanks



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Am I allowed to say that at my public meeting next week? The EPA anticipates a public meeting for January.

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We anticipate holding a public meeting in January.

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---11/07/2012 09:03:17 AM---Thanks for the document. I will look it over soon. Is it possible to answer my other question about

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Thanks for the document. I will look it over soon. Is it possible to answer my other question about confirming when a EPA public meeting will take place on West Lake? Am I correct in my assessment that the EPA will **not** hold a public meeting when the August water sampling is verified and wait until after the gamma testing is complete, which has yet to be scheduled?

Thanks,
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(See attached file: West Lake Gamma Scan QAPP Figure.pdf)(See attached file: West Lake Gamma Scan QAPP.pdf)



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---10/30/2012 11:01:36 AM---Cecilia, Please let me know what the response is from the EPA. I read a quote from a spokesperson a

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Cecilia,

Please let me know what the response is from the EPA. I read a quote from a spokesperson at EPA in a Post-Dispatch article. While the EPA doesn't seem to think this is a threat to West Lake a local hazardous materials person does and that concerns me.

Can you please send me the gamma sampling plan? Will there be testing at different depths at Unit 1 and 2?

Also, did I read your last email correctly that the August water samples will not be made available until after the gamma sampling is finished? This concerns me greatly because I was told by the EPA that the August samples would be made available for the public after they were analyzed. It doesn't seem there's an actual community engagement plan at all if the EPA is going to make the August results available after the gamma tests are completed at a to be determined future date.

Thanks,
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Thank you for the information. I've asked Dan Gravatt to coordinate with MDNR to determine what the issue is.



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Posted on October 29, 2012 at 4:49 PM

Updated today at 5:02 PM

BRIDGETON, Mo ([KMOV.com](http://www.kmov.com)) -- News 4 viewers reported a terrible smell coming from a landfill in Bridgeton. After investigation it seems the problem may be more than just a foul odor.

The Pattonville Fire Department says what's causing the smell is an underground problem that's growing and there are worries it may reach radioactive waste buried nearby.

The landfill is on St. Charles Rock Road, west of Lambert Airport. It's operated by Republic Services, a company based in Phoenix.

Residents complained not only about a terrible odor, but also that there was something in the air that burned their eyes, causing them headaches.

What's happening underground at the Bridgeton landfill is known as

"subsurface oxidation." It means that what's below the surface is decomposing, which creates heat.

Republic has been drilling wells to allow gases and vapors to escape, but the Pattonville Fire Department says temperature readings on the well-heads show a dramatic increase over a three-month period.

And it's unclear just what is churning below the surface.

"The things that we would be concerned with would be production of toxic gasses or flammable gasses," said Assistant Chief Matt LaVanchy.

Some say it's an eclectic concoction made up of everything from household garbage to industrial chemicals to jet fuel that was dumped there years ago. The landfill is in an old limestone quarry, which means it's surrounded by a natural barrier.

The heat and vapors are currently growing and moving southwest, but LaVanchy says he's concerned because on the north end of the landfill there is radioactive waste and there is nothing to act as a barrier.

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Mr. Smith,

This is in response to your October 17, 2012 email to EPA and MDNR. We at EPA believe that it's premature to hold a public information session at this time. EPA would not have any new information to report. We have not received the validated data package from the PRPs on the recent groundwater sampling event. Once we receive the package, we will need time to conduct our own review and validation to assure that the data is reliable.

In addition, EPA will be conducting gamma surveys at the site in the upcoming months. They have not been scheduled yet.

Once we have reviewed the groundwater data and have conducted the gamma surveys, we will hold a public availability session to present the sampling results to all interested parties.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Subject: West Lake Superfund Site

Hello EPA and Missouri DNR folks,

On October 9, I sent an email to EPA Region 7 informing them I intend to have a public information session event on the status of the West Lake Superfund Site in mid-November. I included that I was willing to forgo this meeting to help EPA secure a site for a public event to release the results of the latest groundwater sampling at West Lake if the EPA knew the results would be available around this time-frame. I have not heard back from EPA and thus moving forward with a public information session.

I have secured a room at the Machinists Union Hall in Bridgeton for November 13 (12365 Saint Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044). I was able to finalize the site location yesterday and I am working on finalizing a time for the event, likely in the evening after folks get off work to increase attendance. I'm sending this email because I would like EPA and DNR to participate or have a presence during the meeting. I think it is vitally important that people know what's going on at the West Lake Superfund Site.

I'm willing to be flexible on the format if there is interest from the EPA and/or DNR participation. I'm willing to have one on one conversations or convene a conference call to work out the details. I want the event to be open to the public and media.

Kay Drey and MCE's executive director, Kathleen Logan Smith, are copied on this email.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. You all are the first people I am inviting/informing of the event.

Thanks,
Ed

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